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# ACT OF INJUSTICE.

RI COMFIELD TOWNSHIP IN NCONGRUOUS PARTS.

w Township will Incur-The will Prove Expensive-Looks Estate Speculation-Difficulnection with Public Improvelatters that will Have to be Ad-Apparent Dread of Public Dis-Some Things for Glen Ridge Think Over Before Voting.

esiding within the limits of d borough of Glen Ridge are vamine a map of the township dd trace out the borough then give close attention to which is left as Bloomfield There is no doubt but the ill paturally suggest itself, "Is of justice to thus practically geographical destruction of field. township, merely for the a borough in Glen Ridge?" much itself will be a geographily, and Bloomfield township

judicrous. It is obvious that sed dissection of the township sh measure, carried out without sideration for the interest of the of the township. The serious, consideration of this feature of estion now agitating the towninvited, and the people of Glen reasked to pass judgment from of equity alone.

many people residing in the p. outside of the proposed borwa property in Glen Ridge. These are strenuously opposed to the Is it right to push this borough without glving these people a There is no healtancy in saying the case was otherwise, if ield proposed to separate from dge, and the interest of the latter at naught and a hearing denied, uld be a great bue and cry about s and depial of rights. The Glen Ridge are also respect

and what it is now desired to striving to pull in their ness, why is it that the peo-Ridge are asked to plunge overnmental experiment with- the public treasu ie discussion? Do the eir vest pockets? Is the

ity of Glen Ridge so one opinion in this matssion is necessary, or is placed in the committee a that all they may say is accepted contravention? It is the most exhibition of confidence ever this township. A whole people are being led in a lirection without daring or caring hemselves whither they are being that will be the consequence. The n is ventured that the Glen Ridge committee dare not submit their o puttic discussion. They are that it will not bear venti-

The people of Glen Ridge are to pause and consider whether ourse is a wise one or not.

statement has been made that idge pays one-third of the taxes nfield, and does not get a fair n public expenditures in that vi-

Both statements are false and d to deceive the people. Glen does not pay one-third of the f the township, and Glen Ridge much money back as is reprey the entire taxable valuations lace, not taking into account the that remain unpaid every year, um is as large in Glen Ridge as ther portion of the township; and n is called to the fact that the portions of Glen Ridge have in been advertised for sale for un-

g at the subject from a taxpoint of view, the facts that prenselves are worthy of attention. no concealing the fact that the ilizens of Bloomfield are opposed livision of the township, and they he action of the borough premoin audacious piece of work, little a big steal, a movement founded hness and calculated to serve ition of a few men. If the movereeds it is bound to generate an ity between the two towns. eld cannot be expected to favor sure that will promote the interthe new borough. The people nfield rightly feel that this breakof the township works them an and buman weaknesses enter blie affairs as well as private. The al jealousies that will arise will in

person who has lived long in field, by indulging in a little retrowill be forced to the conclusion omfield has developed, and done th of Glen Ridge be able to start les as regards sewers. On the contrary, them.

espects prove injurious to both

in at once on an equal footing with Bloomfield without a tremendous outlay of money? Bloomfield has its officers and equipment necessary to carry on public business. Gien Ridge has these things of Bloomfield. Bloomfield will be asked to get. No doubt at the start local zeal may prompt some people to offer free of cost some of these necessities of government, but the zeal will be short-lived and it will not be long before the taxpayers are called on to foot the bills. .

'The contingent expenses of Bloomfield amount to about \$10,000 per annum. An examination of this class of expenditures will convince the people of Glen Ridge that they are of a class that will be just as necessary to properly conduct a government in Glen Ridge. Rentals. cierical and stationery expenses, public printing, election expenses, and numerous other matters will all be just as necessary and just as expensive in the new borough of Glen Ridge as in Bloom-

In a community closely built up with frame houses a fire department will be an imperative pecessity. Bloomfield has one and it is a good one, and is conducted on a very economical basis. The new borough of Glen Ridge will have to have one and it is very doubtful whether a volunteer department could be organized there and if it cannot an expensive paid department will have to be maintained.

An organized police department is a recent addition to the municipal improvements in Bloomfield. It is gradually being extended so as to give police patrol over the entire township. Glen Ridge will have no police department to start with. The new borough will not be long In existence before a police department will be a necessity, and it cannot be maintained at anywhere near the proportion of the cost now paid by (ilen Ridge towards the maintenance of the Bloomfield police force.

There is in every township, large of small, and also in every city, a certain degree of sectional antagonism. It exists in a large warpure in East Orange an unusual a legree in the

These various sees lo money expended in solie in Between these an mulst.

der a distribution of the fund in a manner that shall be to the best interest of the township considered as a whole,

The new borough of Glen Ridge will not be without its antagonistic elements. The people north and south of Bloomfield Avenue will disagree on money questions, and public money will not and cannot be expended to the mutual satisfaction of both ends of the town.

The new town is taking in a vast exent of unimproved property, both on its north and south extremes. The section around the Glen Ridge Club-house already possesses all needed improvements. Consequently it will be the unimproved extremes that will demand and require the greater portion of the taxes raised. Now, if the taxpayers in the small town of Glen Ridge can macadamize and sewer the streets of these unimproved extremes, also place gaslights and water-hydrants there, and flagstone sidewalks, at a less cost to themselves than it can be done by the township of Bloomfield, then there must be something radically wrong in this town.

It is surmised, and no doubt rightly, that a cabal in the Glen Ridge Clubhouse expect to control the affairs of the new borough. Some of these men are wealthy, and to work their own ends will gladly tax themselves heavily. People outside of that club will not have s voice in the policy of the borough, but will have the pleasure of paying an equal share of taxes with the club-house men.

Every man will have his taxes spent in front of his own door is a theory that finds favor with the borough men and is held out by them to induce others to

join in the movement. It is a specious plea and cannot be car

ried out. Look at the matter of school-houses No less than three school-houses will be of the sample cases that will have to an actual necessity in the new town a primary school at the north end, another at the south end, and a high school near Clark Street. The people of Glen Ridge will submit to beavy taxation for the maintenance of the costly school system as a matter of state policy. Education s a necessity in a community.

With respect to water supply the Bloomfield contract with the Orange Water Company will be binding on the Glen Ridge borough until its expiration, and there is no prospect of any reduction in taxation in that direction; and when it expires it is not very apparent that a small town will be in a position to make a more favorable, contract than a

large town. Bloomfield's obligations for sewers are also binding on Glen Ridge, and the con-

some very ugly complications are visible with respect to sewers.

The outlet sewers of the town of Glen Ridge will have to traverse the streets to grant right of way. It will be granted for a consideration and that consideration will be that the town of Glen Ridge construct the entire length of sewer and accord Bloomfield the right to use it. Some of the borough men contemplate

sewering and macadamizing the whole north end of the new borough at once. That locality borders on a part of Bloomfield that will not want sewers for almost a quarter of a century vet.

These borough men blandly put it that Bloomfield will at once co-operate with this proposed elaborate improvement. In this the borough men have miscalculated. Perhaps those men can use the new town of Glen Ridge in the promotion of real-estate speculations, but they will find that the township of Bloomfield is not to be used for any such schemes. If it is necessary to carry an outlet sewer from the extreme north end of Glen Ridge borough that portion of it that runs through Bloomfield streets must be paid for by the taxpayers of Glen Ridge borough.

It is very evident that the matter of sewers offers no indication of a reduction in taxes in Glen Ridge.

The small borough of Glen Ridge canof Bloomfield can.

Macadamized roads and flagstone sidewalks will not be any cheaper in Glen Ridge than in Bloomfield.

The whole category of public improvements can be gone over and in no in- before it does so Glen Ridge ought to stance can it be pointed out that any get out." If this sudden inspiration of prospect of a reduction of taxes suge progress on the part of Bloomfield so gests itself in any one of them.

A sort of principle of virtual velocities will of course apply in Glen Ridge as else-

the plan, but what about the expense?

lines of development.

Figures taken from the township

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In every section of the town there

are large amounts of unpaid taxes due

the Township of Bloomfield. Glen Ridge

is no exception to the rule. This is one

Bloomfield pays the city of Orange a

Bloomfield's fire-alarm system extends

over Glen Ridge. This also affords op-

capabilities. The public-school property

will also tax adjusting talent to its

So far the berough seems to be the

pleasant to carry.

cleaved like cutting a cheese.

At the only public meeting held certain grievances were set forth why Glen Ridge should separate. The facts as gleaned from the tax records have kneeked the bottom out of those grievances, yet the committee of seven has not called the people together and told them so, neither has there been any formulation of a new set of grievances. The statement made at the public meeting was that the borough would be orunder the borough act of 1891. an has been abandoned and the tee has fallen back on the h act of 1878. No reason for the change has been given to the people.

At a meeting held in Judge Amzi Dodd's residence, the Glen Ridge committee of seven was advised to call another public meeting before taking any further steps and give some of those people who are opposed to the borough a chance to be heard.

The Glen Ridge Committee did not deem it frequent to follow that advice. The committee of seven appear to go on the theory that the less the public are let irto their scheme the better. They assume that they are the oracles and their dictations will be implicitly obeyed. If such a spirit of abnegation of individuality prevails in Glen Ridge it has only lately taken up residence there. Glen Ridge people are generally ready to express individual opinions in not make a more favorable contract for all public matter and fully capable of street lighting than the whole township doing so. Why they are not called to gether on this momentous occasion is a

The seven voices of Glen Ridge sing with one accord this chant : "Bloomfield is going to adopt the Short Law and utterly astonished the people of Glen Ridge that they deemed it prudent to refire a while to regain their equilibrium, where, that is for more taxes paid more it would be a pardonable act, for the improvements will be obtained. The Glen Ridgeites were not the only ones people of Glen Ridge can have gaslights astonished at this remarkable action on over the entire town as close together the part of Bloomfield. But it is not are on Highland Avenue, but it mere astonishment that alls Glen Ridke: in proportion It is given out that the threatened adop-

the Short Law furnishes a real matter of surprise. It Short Law would support of

w costs the production of pesoddes to As a moral measure it ought to comend itself to the residents of Glen ple cannot keep up the pace. An entire-Blidge. It is altogether inexplicable why ly contrary reason is assumed as insti-It should be put forward as a cause for gating separation. Bloomfield is not separation. It cannot be possible that progressive enough to suit Glen Ridge. the seven voices are voicing the senti-The latter place wants more improvement of Glen Ridge in this matter. Does Glen Ridge want to put forth ments, and it has been deemed that the most effectual and speedlest way to get this proposition: "Withdraw the Short

Law election and we will-withdraw our them is to organize a borough. There is, borough scheme?" What sort of a no disputing the efficacy and speed of spectacle would Bloomfield present to neighboring townships by acquiescing in such a demand? records and given in another part of this paper show that the assertion that Glen Politically, financially, and socially the Ridge does not get a fair return of taxes

people of Glen Ridge have nothing to gain by the proposed separation. Two paid is untrue. It is also evident that the conditions are such that a new towntownships of outlandish geographical proportions would be created by it. ship cannot be organized and operated at a less expense than an old established Two sets of governmental machinery

would have to be maintained to perform one, that is and continue along the same work that can now be very well accom-It must be apparent to every one that plished by one. Animosities will be engendered that the experiment about to be undertaken

> will eventually work to the injury The separation will not be without its

blighting effect on the religious and haritable work of the town. It is very likely that while there is is ruthlessly destroyed by the action of

not much said in Glen Ridge in opposition to the borough, there are a great many people there who will carefully consider the matter from various stand, points and have their minds thoroughly made up when it comes to the decisive moment of easting the ballot. Conservaprocess of the law, and all the getting tive people are not prone to sudden changes, particularly in the matter of government and there is a large conservative element in Glen Ridge. It may not be conspicuous in the committee of seven, but it has an abiding place in the commonity and will manifest itself on election day. No evidence seems to have been put forward of a kind that will convince the conservative element that a undergo the beautiful process of adjustchange is an imperative necessity. The evidence is of a contrary nature. The southern portion of the Third Ward has votes enough to out vote the Glen Ridge certain sum annually toward the cost of maintenance and operation of the portion of the Third Ward. Yet a spirit union outlet sewer. How much of this of fairness has always conceded a mempercentage will the new town assume? ber of the Township Committee to Glen Another little matter for adjustment.

There is no man in the whole township of Bloomfield that stands in higher portunity for the displaying of adjusting esteem in the southern portion of the Third Ward than Arthur J. Lockwood of Glen Ridge. The people of Watsessing worked hard to have Mr. Lockwood appointed a school trustee long before he only side that has had an innings in the was elected to that office, but Gien Ridge game going on in Glen Ridge. With the influences were at work against him, and exception of that of E. A. Smith, not a worked his defeat for appointment. (Mr. voice seems to have been raised against Lockwood is opposed to the borough it inside the borough. It would seem movement

defeated Glen Ridge influences would have brought it about. These are facts known to those familiar with the polities of the town.

If Glen Ridge has not had its equal say in the politics of the town it has been due to the animosities and jealousies among themselves, and not from any concerted action against them on the part of the people of Bloomfield. The fact is that an overdue consideration has been shown Glen Ridge. As a community the people there have not taken the active interest in politics that they should take, and in thier absence the peo. ple of Bloomfield have very kindly eared for and looked after their interest.

A concert i movement on the part of the people of Bloomfield could have abolished the Gien Ridge Post-office in the interest of the free postal delivery system of Bloomfield but consideration for the people of Glen Ridge prevented any such step.

Let the oldest inhabitants of Glen Ridge look backward, and after reviewing the history of the past twenty-five years, ask themselves the question, is it an act of justice to the people of Bigomfield to reduce that Township to a mere village.

#### The Mozart Concert.

The Mozart Club gave another of their delightful concerts on Tuesday night before an audience that completely filled the Christ Church Parish House. The concert was complimentary, and hearty everybody who received an invitation gladly responded, bringing together a fine and appreciative audience.

The Mozart Club came in for a very large share of praise for its excellent performances. As a medium for creating an interest in music among young people and developing their talent the Mozart is an institution of incalculable benefit. It is a matter of local pride that such a fine concert as that of Tuesday night can be furnished by youthful local talent.

George E. Clauder, the leader of the club, is also a tenor singer of fine voice. and he mang several solos on Tuesday night which were very well received.

Miss Sylvie Riotte, a soprano selois also met with a hearty reception 'Cello duet by Morris E. Smith and Walter Colt Ward of the Mozart wes enthurstoott willy

Violins, Miss Alics Seymour, Theodore Gordon Ward, William N. Ward, Frank W. Spencer, and Philip Embury; viola, Edward G. Ward; 'cellos, Morris E. Smith, Walter Colt Ward; flute, Robert W. Gardner; clarinet, Edward W. Gardner; drum, George W. Cook, Jr.: cornet, William G. Spencer, Jr.; plano, Miss Maude Seymour. The following programme was presented:

PART L "Jolly Bandits. Tenor Solo. from 6th Symphony

PART II. "My Love Will Come To-day.

'Cello Duet, "Andantino." Morris E. Smith and Walter Coit Ward. "Gnomes' March Mozart Club, Miss Sylvie Riotte.

### The Glen Ridge School.

At the meeting of the Board of Educa tion last week the following resolution was passed unanimously:

"Resolved, That the Building Committee be directed to give public notice that the Board of Education for the present do not recommend the preparation of plans for a school at Glen Ridge, owing to unexpected contingencies which have arisen since the original notices were given." -

There is nothing threatening or retaliatory against Glen Ridge in the above resolution. By the provision of section 24 of the new school law, Glen Ridge, If it was organized as a borough, would be a school district by itself and have its own Board of Education.

A schoolhouse built in the borough would be built by the borough Board of education, and would be likely to combine high-school, grammar-school, and primary facilities

In view of these facts the Bloomfield Board did not deem it prudent to go shead any further with a building that would not be likely to meet the needs of

It will be obvious to the people of Glen Ridge that the course pursued by the School Board is perfectly right and proper under the circumstances. It would be presumptuous to go ahead and erect a schoolbouse that would prove to be inadequate to the needs of the new town.

For a County Teacher's Association. A meeting of the school principals of

Essex County will be held to-day in the High School to outline a plan of organization for a County Teachers' Association. Profescor Austin C. Appar, of

## BROTHER HUNT CANED.

BY HIS BRETHERN IN EXCELSIOR LODGE KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

A Pestive Gathering of the Members of Excelsior Lodge-Brothers Causbrook, Robotham and Bersteeher Kindly, Remembered-The Hungry Army Fed and Entertained.

On last Wednesday evening the rooms Excelsior Lodge No. 2342, Knights of Honor, were filled to their full capacity with members and their friends, the occasion being the annual installation of the new officers. The Deputy of the Lodge, Brother B. H. Van Ness, being present with Grand officers Bladon. Scherff, Betzler installed the following as efficers for the ensuing year: Past Dietator, George Hunt : Dietator, Charles H. Philbrick; Vice-Dietator, James Gibbons; Assistant Dictator, Theodore N. Parent; Reporter, Willis H. Cadmas; Financial Reporter, C. L. Voorhees; Treasurer, George M. Cadmus; Chaplin, William A. Aldrich; Guide, Herbert, A. Griffith; Guardian, Henry J. Sommerhamp; Sentinel, Enoch Chatterton; Trustees, John Causbrook, Joseph R. Rusby, and Edwin H. Griffith. After the installation Brother Van Ness in behalf of the lodge presented to Brother Hunt, the retiring Dictator a beautiful gold headed cane as a token of esteem Brother Hunt responded in a fitting speech in which he expressed his thanks. Brothers Berstecher, Robotham and Causbrook were also presented with

handsome copies of "Scenic America" in appreciation of their faithful service as trustees of the lodge. The programme consisted of plano solos and duetts by the Misses Berstecher, Miss Carroll, Miss Hunt, plato and violin by Brothers Philbrick, Parent and Berstecher, Songs by Miss Sommerhamp and Miss Griffith, and by Brothers Boyle, Sommerhamp, Morrison, W. Monk, J. Bailey, Griffith and others, and recitations by Brothers Aldrich and Gibbons. After a character on by Captain William Balley of the Hungry Army, a collation of cake and cream were served by a special squad of

Excelsior Lodge is fortunately in having among its membership a large num-

The orchestra was made up as follows: | Ye \_active in the work, and in having an auxillary, composed of the wives, sisters and daughters of the members, whose genial presence and assistance has had much to do with the success and welfares of the lodge.

### The Choral Service.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather, a good congregation, was present in Christ Church last Sunday evening at the Epiphany Choral Festival. The order of service as given in last week's issue, showed that the antheurs, from the Oratoria, "Messiah" were of an unusually high order, and difficult, for the ordinary choir to render, but all mite in saying that every selection was well executed. The alto solo "O Thou that bringest good tidings," was well rendered by Master George Camp; and the seprano recitatives were so well sung by Master Clement Camp, as to call for more than ordinary commendation.

The quality of tone, and accuracy of attack in the choruses were exceedingly good.

The offertory solo, by Mr. J. M. Solomon was very much enjoyed. The Pastoral Symphony for the organ, from the "Messiah" was one of the gems of the service, and its expressive rendition. The organist, Mr. John A. Wade, showed himself a master of the King of Instruments. Great credit is certainly due him as choirmaster not only in the devedopment of the solo voices, but also in the development and training of the whole choir; When Mr. Wade took charge of the music of the church last May the choir was in a very crude condition, but under his instruction and training it is acknowledged to be now, one of the best vested choirs in this part of the State. The next Choral Festival will be held on the evening of February 10th.

### Trip Around the World.

An illustrated lecture, entitled "A trip around the World," will be given in the First Baptist Church on Friday evening. January 25th, by Dr. George Macdonald Major. Dr. Major's lecture has been delivered before large audiences in the large cities of the country, and is highly praised by the press as an eloquent. graphic, and unique entertainment, both interesting and instructive. The best dissolving view apparatus will be used, and the views to be presented are very fine and Dr. Major's elucidation of them a charming word painting. This entertainment is given under the auspices of the Earnest Workers and Learners, an association of young the State Normal School, Trenton, will ladies connected with the church, and In the last quarter of a point of lish history. The improvetract with the city of Orange is a pertract with the city of Or